

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**v.**

**DARIUS KEITH RAINEY,**

**Defendant.**

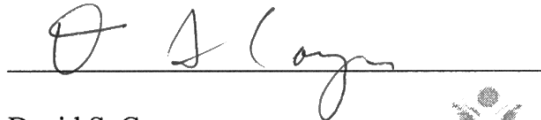
“Because the right to choose counsel is not absolute, it necessarily follows that a defendant does not have an absolute right to substitution of counsel. As a general rule, a defendant must show good cause in requesting a new appointed lawyer.” United States v. Mullen, 32 F.3d 891, 895 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994). Here, Defendant’s complaints do not establish good cause for the Court to

appoint new counsel. Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds no basis to remove Mr. Newman as appointed counsel.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties and to the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, Jr.

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: June 7, 2018

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David S. Cayer  
United States Magistrate Judge

